



PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 8750-019  
Client No. SPX200107-0012US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Chan-Yong Lee et al. Conf. No. 3270  
Serial No. 10/002,542 Examiner: Le, Thong Quoc  
Filed: November 13, 2001 Art Unit: 2818  
For: SENSE AMPLIFIER FOR MEMORY DEVICE

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**APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR ALLOWANCE**

In the Allowable Subject Matter section of the Office Action dated November 21, 2002, claims 4-9 and 11-14 were indicated to contain several features that are not taught by the prior art. Additionally, claims 15 and 34-46 were also indicated to contain several features that are not taught by the prior art. The features cited for claims 4-9 and 11-14 were different than the features cited for claims 15 and 34-46.

In the Allowable Subject Matter section of the Office Action dated May 2, 2003, claims 11-14 were also indicated to contain the allowable subject matter that was previously cited for claims 15 and 34-46.

Finally, in the Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance, all the pending claims were indicated to be allowable because the prior art fails to teach or suggest "the claimed invention having a circuit comprising a write charge control circuit (Figure 9) activated by a write signal (WE) and the same or a different address as shown in Figure 9."

To the extent that these comments regarding allowable subject matter, wherever they are found, agree with the language of the individual allowed claims, the applicants agree with the Examiner.

For example, none of the claims contain a reference to any figure in the patent application. A drawing figure is only one embodiment of the invention, and there are many embodiments of the invention that fall within the scope of the claims.


Furthermore, the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance does not contain all the features that were previously indicated in the Office Actions to be allowable subject matter. Thus, it should not be implied that the applicants have relinquished these previously cited features in any way.

The applicants would also like to note that there are several independent claims allowed in this case, as well as various dependent claims that depend directly or indirectly from the allowed independent claims. Each of these allowed claims includes particular features and particular claim language, and therefore each may have a scope different from the others allowed in this case.

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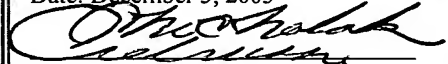
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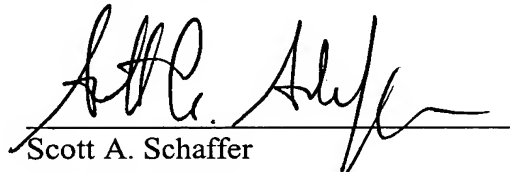
Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced application are the following:

- ☒ Applicant's Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☒ Publication and Issue Fee
- ☒ In connection with issuance of a patent:
  - ☐ Supplemental Declaration ☒ PTO Form 85B
- ☒ PTO Form 2038 authorizing credit card payment of \$1630.00, issue fee (\$1330.00) and publication fee (\$300.00) is enclosed.
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